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## Lent

# ‘Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: God’s Covenant People’

With the Ecumenical service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, we enter Lent, the 40-day period of prayer, sober reflection and spiritual redirection before Easter. At Community United Methodist Church, we are offering several different opportunities to mark the quiet season leading us to the miracle of Easter:

**RECONCILING JOURNEY** -- *Sundays beginning Feb. 18, 9:45-10:45 in Room 201.* At Community UMC, we understand how difficult it is for LGBTQI people to find safe places to explore their journeys. This Lenten season, we offer our Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors to a new program for the LGBTQI person to explore their spiritual journey. Whether you have been in church a lifetime, a short time, not in years or never at all, we invite you to come as you are, and join us for a reconciling journey in a safe space with like-minded people! For more information contact Anne at [anned1565@yahoo.com](mailto:anned1565@yahoo.com) or (630) 815-8135.

**PEOPLE TOGETHER** – *Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 305.* What does it mean to observe Lent in our time? How am I shaping my life to reflect that I am a Christian? What do I need to change to live a life that is relevant to God’s call in a diverse world? We will gather for five weeks during Lent to share God’s love with each other and bring healing, hope and help as we discuss what it means to be relevant during Lent. For more information, contact [Debbie Craig](#).

**PRAYER SERVICES** – *Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 21, at noon in Room 307.* Join Pastor Tom each Wednesday throughout Lent for a mid-day prayer service. He will also be leading services at noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. Questions? Contact [Pastor Tom](#).

**LENTEN WORSHIP** – *Saturdays and Sundays, beginning Feb. 17.* A special sermon series using our Lent theme of “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: God’s Covenant People.” **See the schedule, Page 2.**

## Sundays during Lent

### **Feb. 18**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Noah: The Noahic Covenant”**

Genesis 9: 8-17, Mark 1: 9-15

Prayer: Psalm 25: 1-10

### **Feb. 25**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Abraham & Sarah: The Abrahamic Covenant”**

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, March 8: 31-38

Prayer: Psalm 22: 23-31

### **March 4**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Moses: The Sinaitic Covenant”**

Exodus 20: 1-17, John 2: 13-22

Prayer: Psalm 19

### **March 11**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Moses: The Sinaitic Covenant”**

Numbers 21: 4-9

John 2: 13-22

### **March 18**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Jeremiah: The New Covenant”**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, John 12: 20-33

Prayer: Psalm 51: 1-12

### **March 25**

#### **“Standing on the Shoulders of Jesus”**

Mark 11: 1-11, Philippians 2: 5-11

Prayer: Psalm 31: 9-16

## **Holy Week**

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

Monday, March 26 – Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 27 – Noon Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 28 – Noon Prayer Service

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday – Life of Christ with Henry Pleas, 7 p.m., Community UMC

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Ecumenical Service, 7 p.m., Wesley UMC

Saturday, March 31 – Easter Vigil, 7 p.m., Community UMC

## **Easter**

### **Sunday, April 1**

**Sunrise service**, 6:30 a.m., TBD

**All-Church Breakfast**, 7:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Traditional Worship**, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

**All-Church Breakfast**, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Contemporary Worship**, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

## News updates

# Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong appointed senior pastor at Community

Effective July 1, CUMC's senior pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong, an ordained elder currently serving as senior pastor at Glenview UMC.



Pastor Hwa-Young was born in Seoul, Korea, and grew up in a Methodist family. She earned a B.A. in Christian studies from Ewha Women's University in Seoul and also holds a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, where she has been an adjunct faculty member since 2010. She is the author of *In Search of God's Power in Broken Bodies: A Theology of Maum*.

She is a "people person" who greatly enjoys ministry, following her passion of sharing God's love through her leadership in worship, preaching, teaching, pastoral care and administration.

Pastor Hwa-Young is the mother of Dahee, 22, a graduate of DePaul University now working for Deloitte in Chicago, and Minji, 20, a junior in Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. She is engaged to marry Dr. Tom Smith, a professor at Northern Illinois University, this spring.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Hwa-Young!

## Pastors appointed to new ministries

"Do not go where you are needed ; you are needed everywhere,  
but seek to go where you are **needed most**." John Wesley

Although CUMC needs Pastor Grace and Pastor Tom, they are both **needed most** elsewhere.

Rev. Grace Imathiu is **needed most** at First United Methodist Church of Evanston. Bishop Dyck has appointed Pastor Grace as Senior Pastor to First United Methodist Church, Evanston, effective July 1. Pastor Grace will complete her sixth year at CUMC in July.

Rev. Tom Rawlinson is **needed most** in his ongoing work with a United Methodist Church property redevelopment in the former Cabrini-Green neighborhood in Chicago. Pastor Tom is leading the effort to construct an urban high-rise, mixed-use building, containing a new church and ministry center, retail, green space, and mixed-income housing units. Pastor Tom brings to the project the rare combination of a calling to ministry and subsequent seminary training, coupled with years of experience in commercial real estate finance, development, and investment. Pastor Tom is currently in discussions with the Bishop and cabinet of the Northern Illinois Conference to finalize an appointment.



See [letter from SPRC](#) Note: correct email to SPRC is [staffparish@onecumc.net](mailto:staffparish@onecumc.net).

# Conversations on race comes to CUMC

The second of a three-part series, “Courageous Conversations on Culture and Race,” will be held Sunday, Feb. 18, at Community UMC.

The topic of this month’s conversation and the next is the movie *Thirteen*. We will be viewing the movie together prior to the discussions. Each discussion is led by a trained professional with a United Methodist background.

Conversations about race can seem intimidating and uncomfortable and that is why this groups wanted to create a safe space for members to share and build deeper community. We hope that many can attend and have a rich dialogue.

If you have questions, you can contact [Chamus Burnside-Savazzini](#) of Grace UMC or CUMC’s [Deacon Mary Rawlinson](#).

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## Joys and Concerns

Our prayers are with:

- † The family and friends of our beloved friend, **Sally Schuck**, who died January 11, 2018, in Hot Springs Village, Arizona. We especially remember our sister **Ruth Hamm**.
  - † **Wanda Boebel** and family on the death of Wanda’s son, **Cecil**, on January 19, 2018.
  - † **Beth Buffington, Emily Larson, Corrine Binder** and family on the death of Beth’s grandmother and Emily and Corinne’s great-grandmother, **Ruby Simon**, on January 27, 2018.
  - † **Kendall Albert** and other family and friends of **Loretta Albert**, a long-time member of Community UMC, who died February 16. Celebration of life is planned for Saturday, February 24; if you can help with the lunch, please contact [Lynn Engel](#).
  - † Our candidates for ministry: **Anitta Milloro, Tyler Ward, and Nikki Young**.
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## Ministry updates

### Senior Ministry

#### Names sought for Wisdom Celebration

Do you know anyone in our church family who was born in 1928 or before? If so, please call the church office to let us know. We’d like to include them in the Wisdom Celebration.

### Stewardship

#### It’s time for those building pledges to come due

With building construction well under way, we urgently need your pledged money to avoid taking out bank loans. Your donations can be sent online ([onecumc.net/donation](http://onecumc.net/donation)), mailed, or dropped into the offering plate or church office. Please mark your checks/cash “Building Project Donation.”

## Children and Youth

### Maker Space open to Community's kids in February and March

Children preschool through fifth grade are invited to join in the Maker Space in Rooms 204-205 from 10 a.m. to noon February 19, March 2 and again March 26.



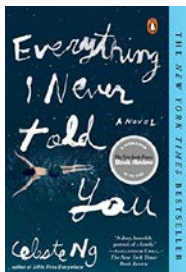
### Youth plan hockey outing

Our Youth Fellowship is planning to enjoy a night at a Chicago Wolves hockey game on April 14. Tickets are \$20 each, and parking is \$15 a car. Bring friends and family to a fun night at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Click [here](#) to buy tickets for the game. Any questions, contact [Deacon Nick](#).

## United Methodist Women

### Knitting Circle makes red baby hats in honor of Heart Month

Community's Knitting Circle made 45 red baby hats for the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" program at Edward Hospital. In February, all newborns and preemies wear little red hats to remind us all that February is Heart Month. For at least 5 years, CUMC knitters have contributed knit and crocheted hats to this program. Knitting Circle meets Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the CUMC Craft Room 103, yearround except on holidays. Yarn, needles, patterns, friends and fun are provided.



### 'Everything I Never Told You' to be discussed Feb. 21

The UMW Book Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the home of Brenda DeGeer. Carol Dunn will lead the discussion of *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Please call or email Brenda if you plan to attend.

## Hunger Ministry

### Congregation delivers more than 350 lbs. food in December

Due to your generosity, we delivered 357 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes or December! Thank you to all who participated to help the hungry in our community during the holidays. Now, in the early part of the new year, the need continues. The food pantry has particular shortages of canned and dry soup, dried beans, and tuna fish. All donations of nonperishable foods are welcome. Please remember, however, that past-dated food products cannot be accepted.

# February calendar

(for a full listing of events, check out the online calendar [here](#))

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 a.m., Blood Pressure Checks, Room 201</p> <p>9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Reconciling Journey Lent Study, Room 201</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>noon., Youth Group lunch followed by meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p> <p>12:30 p.m., Courageous Conversations about Culture and Race, Fellowship Hall floor</p> <p>3:00 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>5 p.m., PADS, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>10 a.m., Maker Space, Rooms 204 &amp; 205</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal</p>	<p>1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 201</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., People Together, Room 305</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Missions Committee, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>noon, Prayer Service, Room 307</p> <p>5:15 p.m., Rainbow Dancers, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., ChildServ Yoga, Room 303</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Stephen Ministry, Room 305</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>1:00 p.m., NIC Board of Trustees, Room 101</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:15 p.m., New Horizon Band Rehearsal, Room 307</p> <p>5:30 p.m., Carillon Hand Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>10:30 a.m., Ecumenical Adult Day Care Service, 305 Jackson Ave., Naperville</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Loretta Albert Celebration of Life, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00 p.m., Worship Service, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>	<p>9:00 a.m., Bernina Bee, Room 191</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Loretta Albert Celebration of Life, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00 p.m., Worship Service, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>

Altar Flower Sign-Up.

Sign up sheets for 2018 are now available at the back of the Sanctuary. Let's make our Sanctuary beautiful!

<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Reconciling Journey Lent Study, Room 201</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>noon., Youth Group lunch followed by meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p> <p>3:00 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>5 p.m., PADS, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Finance Committee, Room 101</p> <p>7:00 p.m., People Together, Room 305</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>noon, Prayer Service, Room 307</p> <p>5:15 p.m., Rainbow Dancers, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>MAR 1</b></p> <p>1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:15 p.m., New Horizon Band Rehearsal, Room 307</p> <p>5:30 p.m., Carillon Hand Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m., Maker Space, Room 204-205</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m., Worship Service, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>
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## Send us your news!

Deadlines Bulletin announcements: email [cumc.suz@gmail.com](mailto:cumc.suz@gmail.com) by Wednesday mornings.  
Tidings articles: email [tidings@onecume.net](mailto:tidings@onecume.net) by the 25th of the month.

<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Reconciling Journey Lent Study, Room 201</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>noon., Youth Group lunch followed by meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p> <p>noon, Children's Council, Room 103</p> <p>3:00 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>5 p.m., PADS, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10 a.m., Brookdale Worship Service, 1700 Robin Lane, Lisle</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., SPRC, Room 101</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., Women's Ensemble rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., People Together, Room 305</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>noon, Prayer Service, Room 307</p> <p>5:15 p.m., Rainbow Dancers, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Stephen Ministry, Room 305</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Players Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>1:15 p.m., STARS, offsite</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:15 p.m., New Horizon Band Rehearsal, Room 307</p> <p>5:30 p.m., Carillon Hand Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m., Christmas Eve concert rehearsal, sanctuary</p> <p>10:30 a.m., Ecumenical Adult Care Center Chapel Service, 305 Jackson St.,</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m., Worship Service, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., Blood Pressure checks, outside church office</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>
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